

**A RESOLUTION BY**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS OF THE ATLANTA BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (ABDI) FOR THE DELIVERY OF TRAINING, TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR START-UP AND EXISTING BUSINESSES AND FOR EXPANDING FEMALE AND MINORITY OWNED BUSINESSES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$ 615,716.00; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Atlanta Business Development Initiative (ABDI) project (CD 02-179) was approved in the 2002 Annual Action Plan and this project is now ready for implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City approved funding for ABDI as a collaborative gathering of participating organizations designed to promote coordination of resources and expertise in an effort to deliver community outreach services, training, technical assistance and financial services on behalf of minority owned start-up and existing small businesses for expansion within selected Atlanta Community Development Impact Areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the organizations identified as ABDI partners are listed as follows: Atlanta One Stop Capital Shop (AOSCS), Atlanta Development Authority (ADA/BILF), GRASP Enterprises (GRASP), Center for Black Women's Wellness (CBWW), and the Women's Economic Development Agency (WEDA) have each been assigned specific tasks; and

**WHEREAS**, the AOSCS will organize and manage the outreach and marketing activities, reporting and overall management and coordination of ABDI; and

**WHEREAS**, the WEDA functioning under subcontract with AOSCS, along with CBWW, in conjunction with its Women's Economic Self-Sufficiency Program (WESSP), will provide basic business orientation to include client intake and assessments, counseling, curriculum studies, business plan development (with assistance from AOSCS) and post assessment services for program participants and serve as back up (WEDA) to the AOSCS in the overall coordination and management of ABDI; and

**WHEREAS**, GRASP, in conjunction with the Atlanta Women's Business Center will provide a series of advanced business development workshops for qualified participants to include assessments, specialized course curriculums, counseling, and business information services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Atlanta Development Authority/BILF and GRASP Enterprises will support the technical assistance and financing needs of program participants to include fund source development, business plan evaluation, loan processing and post loan monitoring activities.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, as follows:**

**Section 1:** The Mayor be and is authorized hereby to execute a contract agreement with the following participating organizations for the implementation of CD 02-719, Atlanta Business Development Initiative (ABDI) for an amount not to exceed \$615,716.00 to be charged to and paid from 1B01 529002 Y53Q0287A22B:

<b><u>Participating Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Not To Exceed</u></b>
Atlanta Development Authority, Inc.	\$190,000.00
Atlanta One Stop Capital Shop	158,932.00
Center for Black Women Wellness	60,221.00
GRASP Enterprises, Inc.	122,136.00
Women's Economic Development Agency	84,427.00
Total	<b><u>\$615,716.00</u></b>

**Section 2:** The City Attorney shall prepare an appropriate contractual agreement for execution by the Mayor, to be approved by the City Attorney as to form.

**Section 3:** This contract agreement shall not become binding on the City and the City shall incur no liability upon same until such time as the Mayor has signed the contract and it has been delivered to the contracting parties.

TRANSMITTAL FOR LEGISLATION

To Mayor's Office Greg Pridgeon  
(for review & distribution to Executive Management)

Commissioner Signature [Signature]

Director Signature [Signature]

From: Originating Dept. Planning, Development  
& Neigh. Conservation

Contact (name) Van Dyke Walker X6392

Committee of Purview Community Development  
& Human Resources

Committee Deadline 5/17/02

Committee Meeting Date(s) 5/28/02

City Council Meeting Date 6/3/02

**CAPTION:**

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**BACKGROUND/PURPOSE/DISCUSSION:**

ABDI is a <sup>collaborative</sup> of non-profit agencies whose purpose is to provide technical assistance and business financing to new and expanding businesses. All of the organizations are funded in part through the CDBG program. This legislation authorizes the City to enter into a CDBG contract with ABDI partners.

FINANCIAL IMPACT (if any): \$615,716 in CDBG funds

OTHER DEPARTMENT(S) IMPACTED:

Coordinated Review With:

Mayor's Staff Only

Received by Mayor's Office:   
(date)

Reviewed: [Signature]  
(initials) (date)

Submitted to Council:

Action by Committee: Approved Adversed Held Amended  
Substitute Referred Other